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SUBJECT: BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON VIETNAM CEASE-FIRE
IMPLEMENTATION

REF: DEPT A-10423, DEC 21, 1973 RECEIVED EMBASSY
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1. REFERENCE AIRGRAM FORWARDED BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON NVN VIOLATIONS OF CEASE-FIRE IMPLEMENTATION FOR OUR BACKGROUND USE WITH HOST COUNTRY AND LOCAL PRESS. ALTHOUGH REF AIRGRAM IS USEFUL IN PROVIDING DETAILED ACCOUNT OF NVN VIOLATIONS, IT HAS ONLY TWO BRIEF PARAGRAPHS ON GVN PERFORMANCE IN RESISTING NVN SUBVERSION/AGGRESSION AND IN BUILDING NATIONAL STRENGTH. IT COULD LEAVE IMPRESSION NVN GAINING UPPER HAND.

2. GOS AND PROBABLY SOME OTHER SEA GOVERNMENTS ARE ALREADY CONVINCED THAT NVN IS VIOLATING PARIS AGREEMENT, BUT ARE WORRIED THAT GVN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COPE WITH NVN SUBVERSION OR NEW OFFENSIVE. IF THERE IS TO BE EVEN AN OUTSIDE CHANCE THAT GOS WILL ENCOURAGE SVN OR ATTEMPT EXERT RESTRAINING INFLUENCE ON HANOI, WE HAVE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT GVN HAS FIGHTING CHANCE TO MAKE IT
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WITHOUT REINTRODUCING US ARMED FORCES. (GOS IS CON-

VINCE PUBLIC OPINION IN US WILL NOT PERMIT RETURN
OF US FORCES OR RENEWED US BOMBING.) GOS CURRENTLY
BELIEVES GVN MAY BE ABLE TO COPE WITH NVN MILITARY
THREAT, BUT THAT IT IS FAILING IN ITS EFFORTS TO WIN
POLITICAL STRUGGLE WITH VC.

3. THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL HERE TO
HAVE ADDITIONAL MATERIAL SPELLING OUT GVN SUCCESSES NOT
ONLY IN COPING WITH RENEWED NVN MILITARY ATTACKS,
BUT ALSO IN BUILDING ECONOMY, EFFECTIVELY ADMINISTERING
AREAS UNDER ITS CONTROL AND DEVELOPING WIDER POLITICAL
SUPPORT AMONG PEOPLE. FOR SUCH MATERIAL TO BE CREDIBLE, IT WOULD
HAVE TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ON GVN REVERSES AND INADEQUACIES
AS WELL AS SUCCESSES. MAIN THRUST WOULD OF COURSE HAVE
TO BE POSITIVE.
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